

# ACASI'S Mission

Our mission is to develop a multi-county, trauma-informed system of care to provide specialized victim services and support to children who have lost a parent to intimate partner homicide.

ACASI offers the following services to child survivors and their caregiver/guardian:

- crisis counseling (in-person or via phone)
- follow-up contact
- therapy
- group treatment/support
- information, referral, and connection
- assistance in filing compensation claims
- personal advocacy
- volunteer mentoring

ACASI currently serves Maricopa, Pima, Pinal, Yavapai, and Yuma counties.

Nearly

# 3,000

children per year in the  
United States lose a parent to  
intimate partner homicide.

## You hold a piece of the puzzle in serving these children.

### The Arizona Child and Adolescent Survivor Initiative

928-523-2119 | e-mail: [acasi@nau.edu](mailto:acasi@nau.edu)

For more information, visit our  
website at [nau.edu/fvi/acasi](http://nau.edu/fvi/acasi).

*ACASI does not discriminate on the basis of race,  
color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and  
age in the delivery of services.*



### Family Violence Institute

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# The Arizona Child and Adolescent Survivor Initiative

*Child Survivors of Intimate Partner Homicide*



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# Making a referral

There are three primary ways to refer a child who has lost a parent to intimate partner homicide:

1. **Call 928-523-2119** to speak with an ACASI team member or e-mail [acasi@nau.edu](mailto:acasi@nau.edu).
2. **Visit [nau.edu/fvi/acasi](http://nau.edu/fvi/acasi)** and download, complete, and e-mail the appropriate form.
3. **Give** our contact information directly to the child's caregiver/guardian.

*ACASI serves children from birth to 17, and their primary caregiver/guardian, at any point during the healing process.*

# Volunteer mentoring

Research finds that a stable relationship with a caring, consistent adult:

- serves as a protective factor
- helps build resiliency
- predicts better outcomes for at-risk children and for children who have experienced domestic violence

Because of this,

**volunteer mentoring is a critical component**

of ACASI's support to child survivors of intimate partner homicide.

The ACASI team will pair each surviving child with a volunteer mentor. The mentor serves as a reliable and positive role model. Through this supportive relationship, children will:

- explore interests
- develop new skills
- build a healthy identity
- and have fun!

Activities with the child may include simply listening, helping with homework, or playing in a park.

We are seeking volunteers to dedicate 2-4 hours per week and make a minimum one year commitment.

**For more information about ACASI's volunteer mentoring program, call 928-523-2119 or e-mail [acasi@nau.edu](mailto:acasi@nau.edu).**

*Please indicate you are interested in volunteering and the county in which you would like to serve.*

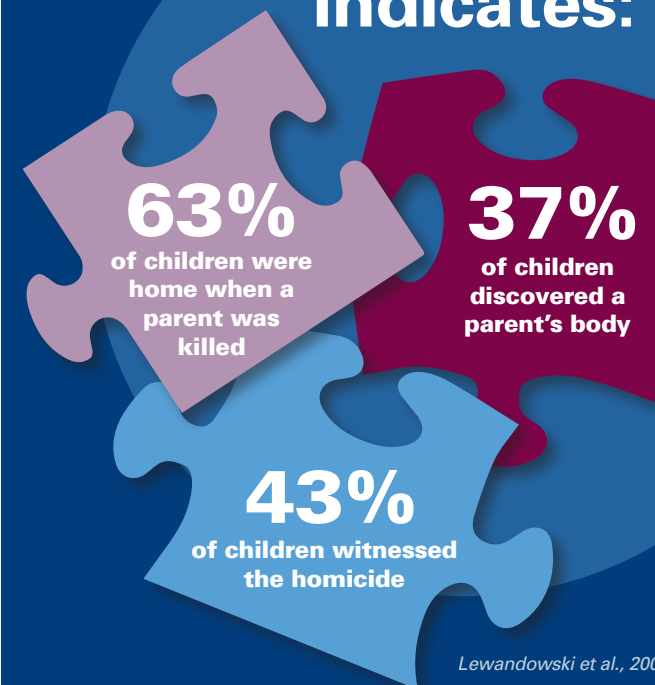


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## ACASI is a first-of-its kind

initiative that provides support to an underserved group of children. National statistics suggest that more children are affected by intimate partner homicide than childhood leukemia or sudden infant death syndrome, yet gaps in services persist.

## Research indicates:



*Lewandowski et al., 2004*